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# Gaska Tape Inc.

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November 30, 1988

Ms. Susan Swales (5HS-11)  
Waste Management Division  
U.S. EPA - Region V  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Swales:

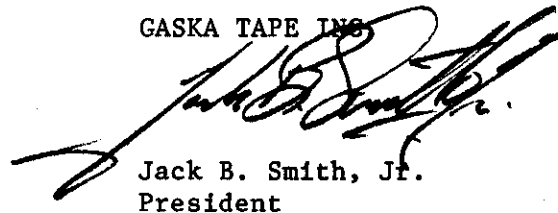
As per the telephone conversation held on Wednesday, November 25, 1988, with our Plant Manager, Mr. Jesse F. Bach, the landfill in question specified in your letter was closed in 1976. The corporation changed ownership in 1976. After the purchase of this corporation, the dump was not used. The present owner has not dealt with dumping at this site.

Regarding your request for records concerning dumping: We have no records indicating any dumping was done at this site, nor do we have any records prior to 1976.

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr. Bach. He will give you his full cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

GASKA TAPE INC.



Jack B. Smith, Jr.  
President

JBS:nlb  
Enclosure

SS: County of Elkhart

Before me the undersigned, a Notary Public for St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, personally appeared Jack B. Smith, Jr., and acknowledged the execution of this instrument this 30th day of November, 1988.



Nancy L. Barnett, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-24-92

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

5HS-11

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: n.  
Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is presently investigating the circumstances surrounding the presence of hazardous substances in and around the Himco Landfill Site in Elkhart, Indiana. This action is being taken by U.S. EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), Pub. L. 99-499.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9604(e), amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-499, and pursuant to Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. §6927, you are hereby requested to respond to the following Information Requests. Compliance with the following Information Requests is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully to each and every Information Request within 30 days of receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, can result in enforcement action by U.S. EPA pursuant to Section 3008 of RCRA under which U.S. EPA may seek the imposition of penalties of up to \$25,000 for each day of continued noncompliance, and/or pursuant to Section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA which, as amended, authorizes the U.S. EPA to seek penalties from a federal court of up to \$25,000 for each day of continued noncompliance. "Noncompliance" is considered by U.S. EPA to be not only failure to respond to the Requests but also failure to respond completely and truthfully to each Request. Please be further advised that provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties up to \$10,000 or up to five (5) years of imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. §1001.

In responding to this information request include any and all information relating to the following companies:

Himco Waste Away  
Himco, Inc.

1. Provide a description of your business, including:
  - a. type of work performed at your facility;
  - b. manufacturing processes;
  - c. wastes generated;
  - d. waste disposal practices;
  - e. SIC number.
2. Provide a list of all companies and individuals with which you made arrangements with to dispose of hazardous wastes. Also identify the individual responsible for making arrangements for the disposal or treatment of waste materials at your facility.
3. Did you ever make arrangements for disposal of waste materials with Himco, Inc. or Himco Waste-Away or any other company to dispose of waste at the Site? If the answer is "yes" to this question, please answer the following questions.
4. Provide copies of all shipping documents, or other business documents including receipts, relating to the transportation, storage and/or disposal of waste materials at the above referenced site.
5. Provide the generic, common or trade name and the chemical composition and character (i.e. liquid, solid, sludge) of the materials transported to, stored and/or disposed of at the above referenced site.
6. For each waste material identified above, please give the total volume in gallons for liquids and in cubic yards for solids, for which you arranged disposal and list the dates when disposal occurred.
7. Provide copies of all records, including analytical results, and material safety sheets, which indicate the chemical composition and/or chemical character of the waste material(s) transported to, stored, or disposed of at the above referenced site.
- 8.† Provide a list and description of all liability insurance coverage that is or was carried by you, including any self-insurance provisions that relate to hazardous substances and/or the facility identified above.

To assist you in answering this request, the information sought pertains to any and all information in your possession, custody or control relating to the operation/cleanup of the above referenced site and to the transportation, storage, and/or disposal of hazardous substances, or the generation of

hazardous substances which were ultimately disposed of, or offered for disposal at the site. The relevant time period for this request is from 1960 through the present.

For purposes of this information request, "shipping documents" shall mean all contracts, agreements, purchase orders, requisitions, pick-up, or delivery tickets, customs forms, freight bills, shipping memoranda, order forms, weight tickets, work orders, manifests, shipping orders, packing slips, shipping logs, bills of lading, invoices, bills, and any other similar documents that evidence discrete transactions involving shipment or the arrangement for shipment of waste materials to or through the discrete transactions involving shipment or the arrangement for shipment of waste materials to or through the above referenced site. "Waste materials" shall mean hazardous substances, solid wastes and hazardous wastes and other materials which may or may not contain pollutants and shall include reclaimed and off-specification materials of any kind.

This information should be sent to the following:

Ms. Susan Swales (5HS-11)  
Waste Management Division  
U.S. EPA - Region V  
230 South Dearborn Street  
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The information sought herein must be sent to U.S. EPA within 30 calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Under Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §6928, and under Section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604(e)(5) failure to comply with this request may result in an enforcement action against you by U.S. EPA.

The information requested herein must be provided notwithstanding its possible characterization as confidential information or trade secrets. You may request however, that such information be handled as confidential business information. A request for confidential treatment must be made when the information is provided, since any information not so identified will not be accorded this protection by the U.S. EPA. Information claimed as confidential will be handled in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

The written statements submitted pursuant to this request must be notarized and submitted under the signature of a duly authorized corporate official certifying that all information contained therein is true and accurate to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief and that a diligent search for all documents responsive to this request has been completed. All documents submitted to Region V pursuant to this information request should be certified as true and authentic to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. Should the signatory find, at any time after the submittal of the requested information, that any portion of the submitted information is false, the signatory should notify U.S. EPA promptly. If any answer certified as true should be found to be untrue, the signatory can and may be prosecuted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1001.

If you need further information regarding this U.S. EPA information request, you may contact Susan Swales of the Responsible Party Unit at (312) 886-7336.

Sincerely yours,

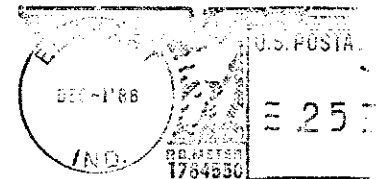
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mary Gade", written in a cursive style.

*for* Mary Gade, Associate Division Director  
Office of Superfund



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